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Subject: FW: VB/I-70 story this morning

Jesse – Please follow-up with the City regarding the soil sampling results for the 39th Ave. project reported in the article. It would be helpful in our dealings with the CAG to know their materials management plan, in addition to the dust suppression and soil sampling plans.

Thanks,
Steve

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I agree with your response. I went to our library to search the Denver Post. I didn't see any article published about this on Saturday, Sunday or today.

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Hi all. Here's the Deverite's story. I would like to send the response below. Please let me know what you think. I would like to send it sooner than later this morning before too many people read the story this morning....

https://denverite.com/2019/09/23/the-epa-declares-more-than-4800-north-denver-properties-non-toxic-but-underground-pollution-might-remain/?mc_cid=80503b08c2&mc_eid=6a53cee8f7

Hi David and Kevin. Thanks for tag teaming on this story. Kevin – sorry this finally came out on a Friday when you were out; I know that's not ideal. David, I see that you contacted us on Sunday afternoon (per my work cell). Of course, we're not typically available on Sunday afternoons. That said, the story states that contamination at depth may still remain, below 6 inches. This is simply not the case; 1) We removed and replaced 12 inches of soils at properties that needed it; 2) Only about 20 percent of the properties even had contaminated soil requiring removal; 3) we have no data to suggest that there is lead and arsenic in residential soils at depth; 4) commercial properties were not included in this scope because the risk scenario is less at commercial properties – further, there are other city and state mechanisms to address those properties should they be redeveloped to residential properties.

We would like to discuss how to add in some of these facts to clarify the story. Please contact me at your earliest convenience.

*Thank you,
-jc*

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